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SUBJECT: PROPOSED WFP GENERAL REGULATION CHANGES

1. FODAG REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT TO J. ANNAN FOLLOWING U.S. SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES TO WFP GENERAL REGULATIONS. WE HAVE NOT SUPPLIED COMMENTARY FOR OUR PROPOSALS FEELING THAT WORKING GROUP MEETING WILL OFFER AMPLE FORUM FOR FULL DISCUSSIONS.

2. PROPOSALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

RULE 3: REWORD TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
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"PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM SHALL BE VOLUNTARY AND OPEN TO ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OR MEMBER NATIONS OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OR IAEA."

RULE 4(A)(1): IN THIRD SENTENCE DROP EVERYTHING AFTER "..."

AND CASH." THE RULE WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. THEY SHALL GENERALLY BE PLEDGED AT CONFERENCES

CONVENED JOINTLY BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO, AND SHALL AIM AT SUCH TOTAL AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE SET BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE FAO CONFERENCE FOR SUCH PLEDGING PERIODS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE AFOREMENTIONED BODIES. THEY MAY BE PLEDGED BY COUNTRIES IN THE FORM OF APPROPRIATE COMMODITIES, ACCEPTABLE SERVICES AND CASH."

RULE 5: REWORD AS FOLLOWS:

"THE PROGRAM SHALL, ON REQUEST, PROVIDE AID FOR:"

"A) IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS, USING FOOD AS AN AID TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY WHEN RELATED TO PRE-SCHOOL AND SCHOOL FEEDING, INCREASING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY, LABOR-INTENSIVE PROJECTS, RURAL WELFARE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD RESERVES. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDC'S) AND COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED (MSA'S)."

"B) MEETING EMERGENCY FOOD NEEDS AND EMERGENCIES INHERENT IN CHRONIC MALNUTRITION. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE SHOULD LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR SUBSE-

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QUENT REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS."

RULE 9: REWORD AS FOLLOWS:

"A) THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET ANNUALLY IN THE FALL TO PROVIDE GENERAL GUIDANCE ON THE POLICY, ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM. IT SHALL EXAMINE AND APPROVE PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO IT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. WITH REGARD TO THE APPROVAL OF PROJECTS, HOWEVER, IT MAY DELEGATE TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUCH AUTHORITY AS IT MAY SPECIFY. IT SHALL EXAMINE AND APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT BUDGETS OF THE PROGRAM. IT SHALL REVIEW THE ADMINISTRATION AND EXECUTION OF APPROVED PROJECTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM."

"B) IN THE YEAR PRECEDING THE PLEDGING CONFERENCE, THE COMMITTEE SHOULD HOLD AN ADDITIONAL MEETING, PREFERABLY IN THE SPRING, AT WHICH TIME THE COMMITTEE ALSO WILL: PROVIDE A FORUM FOR CONSULTATION ON NATIONAL AND INTER-

NATIONAL FOOD AID PROGRAMS AND POLICIES; MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL TO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING FOOD AID PROGRAMS AND POLICIES; AND FORMULATE PROPOSALS FOR COORDINATION OF MULTILATERAL, BILATERAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL FOOD AID."

RULE 12: IF PROPOSED RULE 9 ADOPTED, DROP PRESENT RULE 12 AND RENUMBER REMAINDER ACCORDINGLY.

RULE 13: ADD ADDITIONAL PARA AS 13(A):

"13(A) ALL PROJECTS ARE DESIGNED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY'S GENERAL PLAN FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT."

PRESENT PARAS A-C WOULD BE RENUMBERED B-D

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RULE 15(A): INSERT IN FIRST SENTENCE AFTER "FOR ASSURING THAT PROJECTS..." THE WORDS "TO BE IMPLEMENTED." IN SENTENCE 2 DELETE "SEEK." PARA 15(A) WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSURING THAT PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED ARE SOUND, CAREFULLY PLANNED AND DIRECTED TOWARD VALID OBJECTIVES, FOR ASSURING THE MOBILIZATION OF THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS, AND FOR ASSESSING THE ABILITY OF RECIPIENT COUNTRIES TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECTS. HE HAS RESPONSIBILITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT, TO CORRECT ANY INADEQUACIES IN PROJECT OPERATIONS, AND MAY WITHDRAW ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT ESSENTIAL CORRECTIONS ARE NOT MADE."

RULE 15(C): DELETE PRESENT 15(C) AND SUBSTITUTE:

"TO ASSURE A PROMPT RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY, AS APPROPRIATE, BORROW COMMODITIES FROM OTHER WFP PROJECTS INCOUNTRY, FROM WFP PROJECTS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, OR FROM NON WFP RESOURCES SUCH AS COOPERATING NON-GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS."

RULE 15(D): AMEND SENTENCE 1 TO READ:

"A PORTION OF THE CASH CONTRIBUTION MAY BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMMODITIES, INCLUDING SEED VARIETIES OF GRAINS AND LEGUMES FOR EMERGENCY AID, WHERE NOT ENOUGH HAVE BEEN PLEDGED..."

RULE 16(B): SUBSTITUTE FOR PRESENT LANGUAGE:

"THE PROGRAM SHALL ENSURE THAT ITS ASSISTANCE IS
ASSOCIATED WITH MATERIAL, FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
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PROVIDED THROUGH OTHER MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL PRO-
GRAMS."

RULE 16(C): ADD AFTER "PROGRAM" THE WORDS "AND RECIPIENT
COUNTRIES." THE RULE WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS SHALL BE ENCOURAGED,
WHERE APPROPRIATE, TO COOPERATE WITH THE PROGRAM AND
RECIPIENT COUNTRIES AND TO SUPPORT ITS ACTIVITIES."

RULE 17(B): ADD NEW PARA AS 17(B):

"17 (B) ALL PROJECTS SHOULD HAVE HIGH RECIPIENT GOVERN-
MENT PRIORITY AND, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, SHOULD INCLUDE A
SIGNIFICANT RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT INPUT OF RESOURCES. THE
PROGRAM ALSO SHOULD BE ASSURED THAT, AS APPROPRIATE,
PROJECTS WILL BE CONTINUED BY THE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT
AFTER BEING PHASED-OVER BY THE PROGRAM."

RENUMBER OLD 17B-D AS 17C-E.

RULE 18(A)(1): REWORD PRESENT SENTENCE 3. RULE 18(A)(1)
WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"UPON APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED PROJECT BY THE CFA OR BY THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON ITS BEHALF, AN AGREEMENT SHALL BE
PREPARED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH
THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED. ALL SUCH AGREEMENTS SHALL
INDICATE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH THE PROPOSED
ACTIVITIES ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT; THE SUPPLEMENTARY AID
TO BE PROVIDED BY OTHER AGENCIES OR INSTITUTIONS; THE
OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE UTILI-
ZATION OF THE COMMODITIES SUPPLIED, INCLUDING THE USE AND
CONTROL OF ANY LOCAL CURRENCIES GENERATED FROM THEIR SALE,
AND WITH RESPECT TO THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THEIR
STORAGE, INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION; THE
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RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR ALL EXPENSES INCURRED

FROM THE POINT OF DELIVERY, INCLUDING THE COST OF IMPORT DUTIES, TAXES, LEVIES, DUES AND WHARFAGE; AND SUCH OTHER RELEVANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON AS NECESSARY FOR THE EXECUTION AND SUBSEQUENT APPRAISAL OF THE PROJECT. SUCH AGREEMENT SHALL SAFEGUARD THE PROGRAM'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE PROJECT OPERATIONS FROM THE RECEIPT OF COMMODITIES IN THE COUNTRY TO FINAL UTILIZATION; PROVIDE FOR AUDITS AS NECESSARY; AND ALLOW THE PROGRAM TO SUSPEND OR WITHDRAW ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF SERIOUS NONCOMPLIANCE. IT SHALL ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF DATA ON THE MANNER OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE NUTRITIONAL STATUS AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY ON A LONGER-TERM BASIS, AND FOR THE

MAINTENANCE AND COMMUNICATION TO THE PROGRAM, ON REQUEST, OF COMPLETE RECORDS, INCLUDING TRANSPORT AND STORAGE DOCUMENTS, OF THE UTILIZATION OF WFP ASSISTANCE."
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